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SUBJECT: SECURITY SITUATION OF ROMANIAN ESTABLISHMENTS IN
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1. FOLLOWING ANDREI'S REPRESENTATIONS TO AMBASSADOR BARNES
CONCERNING ALLEGED HARRASSMENT OF ROMANIAN LIBRARY AND
PERSONNEL IN NYC, DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY REQUESTED ADDI-
TIONAL POLICE PROTECTION FOR THE LIBRARY AND OBTAINED THE
INFORMATION REPORTED TO BUCHAREST REF A. ON JUNE 23
ROMANIAN EMBASSY COUNSELOR ANGHELESCU MADE FORMAL REPRE-
SENTATION TO DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL (ANDREWS), DESCRIBING
THREE RECENT INCIDENTS IN NYC: THE JUNE 14 AND JUNE 21
INCIDENTS AT THE LIBRARY DESCRIBED REF A, AND A JUNE 19
INCIDENT AT THE ROMANIAN UN MISSION OFFICES. ACCORDING
TO ANGHELESCHI, ON ALL THREE OCCASIONS OFFENSIVE SLOGANS
INCLUDING THREATS WERE SHOUTED; HE ALSO CLAIMED THAT THE
NY POLICE HAD RESPONDED INEFFECTIVELY TO ROMANIAN REQUESTS
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FOR ASSISTANCE DURING THE LATTER TWO DEMONSTRATIONS.
ANGHELESCU ALSO MENTIONED THE AVAILABILITY OF TAPE
RECORDINGS OF THE THREATS ALLEGEDLY SHOUTED JUNE 21.

2. ANDREWS TOLD ANGHELESCU DEPARTMENT TOOK THESE MATTERS

VERY SERIOUSLY AND WOULD THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATE THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE THREE INCIDENTS. (ALL OF THEM WERE ORGANIZED BY APOSTOLIU ROMANIAN-AMERICAN "HUNGER STRIKERS" PROTESTING EMIGRATION POLICIES OF GOR.) ANDREWS ALSO INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO REVIEW THE TAPE RECORDINGS IF THE ROMANIAN EMBASSY WISHED TO PROVIDE THEM TO US.

3. FOLLOWING ANGHELESCU'S VISIT, EUR/EE REQUESTED FROM SY A REPORT ON THE THREE INCIDENTS IN NYC, AND ALSO POSED SEVERAL QUESTIONS, ANSWERS TO WHICH COULD ASSIST DEPARTMENT IN EVALUATING EFFECTIVENESS OF NYPD PROTECTION FOR ROMANIAN PERSONNEL AND INSTALLATIONS IN NYC. THESE INCLUDED A QUERY WHETHER A VERBAL THREAT OF PHYSICAL VIOLENCE IS AGAINST THE LAW IN NYC. A COPY OF THE MEMORANDUM OF THE JUNE 23 CONVERSATION AND EUR/EE'S QUERY TO SY WAS POUCHED TO THE EMBASSY ATTENTION: AMBASSADOR BARNES ON JUNE 29 (REG. NO. 2785230). WE WILL IMMEDIATELY RELAY FINDINGS TO BUCHAREST.

4. WE HAD EXPECTED ROMANIAN EMBASSY TO FOLLOW UP ANGHELESCU'S CONVERSATION BY PROVIDING TAPES, BUT IT HAS NOT YET DONE SO. ON JULY 1 DEPARTMENT OFFICER AGAIN VOLUNTEERED TO ROMANIAN EMBASSY OUR WILLINGNESS TO REVIEW THE TAPES AND WAS TOLD THAT AS ANGHELESCU HAS LEFT FOR BUCHAREST AND AMBASSADOR IS OUT OF TOWN, DECISION TO PROVIDE THE TAPES OR NOT WOULD BE POSTPONED FOR A FEW DAYS.

5. WE UNDERSTAND APOSTOLIU GROUP IS CONTINUING TO PLAN DEMONSTRATIONS IN NYC, BUT WE HAVE RECEIVED NO FURTHER PROTESTS FROM ROMANIAN EMBASSY ABOUT THEM.

6. CONCERNING DIFFERENT SUBJECT OF HUNGARIAN-AMERICAN DEMONSTRATIONS PROTESTING ALLEGED MISTREATMENT OF HUNGARIAN-AMERICAN
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GARIAN MINORITY IN TRANSYLVANIA, WE HAVE ASKED HUNGARIAN COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES WITH WHOM DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN REGULARLY IN TOUCH ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS OF THESE DEMONSTRATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN OF SUCH CONCERN TO THE ROMANIANS RECENTLY. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT ORGANIZERS OF MAY 7 AND JUNE 16 HUNGARIAN-AMERICAN DEMONSTRATIONS OVER TRANSYLVANIA ARE NOT AFFILIATED WITH PRINCIPAL HUNGARIAN-AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS AND DO NOT REPRESENT HUNGARIAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE. NOR DO OUR CONTACTS IN THE HUNGARIAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY BELIEVE THESE DEMONSTRATIONS REPRESENT ANY SERIOUS THREAT TO CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF THE PRESIDENTIAL WAIVER. BELIEVE THESE IMPRESSIONS COULD BE USEFULLY TRANSMITTED TO ANDREI. KISSINGER

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